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First periodic informal meeting with PonOff representatives for exchange of views and information on Sino-Soviet developments was held November 14 at PonOff club (Kaiya Kaikan). PonOff was represented by Kinya MIIZUKI, Counselor, Bureau European, Afro-Middle Eastern and Economic Affairs, Eiji TORIUMI, East European Section Chief, Taro ISHIZUKI, Acting Chief China Section, Kenichiro NISHIZAWA, Permanent Secretary of Sino-Soviet Materials Committee. All expect to be regular participants in meetings. Embassy representatives were James S. Sutterlin, First Secretary and William Claydon, Second Secretary. Japanese representatives made available three papers in Japanese. First of these is study of position of Japanese Communist Party vis-a-vis Soviet and Chinese Communist Parties; second is report of conversation which Russian speaking Japanese diplomat had with Professor SVINOLIOV on subject of Soviet-Chinese differences re Taiwan at Society of Friends of the October Revolution anniversary celebration in Moscow. Embassy is currently translating these documents and will forward translations under despatch as soon as possible.

As authorized by Department we gave to Japanese copies of IIE-8334 (Soviet Activities in the Congo), IIE-8348 (Khrushchev's Role in Leadership Circumscribed), IIE-312 (Checklist of Sino-Soviet Differences), IIE-8334 (Bloc Reaction to Sino-Soviet Disputes), IIE-310 (Developments in Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Offensive to June 30, 1960), and IIE-8334 (Communist China's Political and Economic Offensive in Africa). In turning over this last document we stressed our concern over increasing Bloc activities in Africa, expressed U.S. appreciation for Japanese efforts to encourage development of free and responsible governments in this area and indicated interest in any information available now or in future to PonOff on Bloc activities in Africa. We removed all indications of origin from INR publications before giving them to PonOff representatives.

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Wittich, in discussing Sino-Soviet dispute, said Yugoslav Ambassador in Tokyo had informed him that last time in September Chou En-lai had sent letters to East European Communist leaders explaining their position in their relations with Soviets. From Yugoslav sources in Moscow, he added, word had been received that USSR Ambassador had been seen in Moscow and engaged in preliminary meetings for present Moscow conference of Communist leaders. These reports claimed Chou En-lai had moderated their position slightly during preliminary negotiations but continued insist 1957 Moscow Declaration was correct in stressing danger of spreading deviationism to Communist movement.

Japanese representative indicated interest in any information on civil peace situation in Vietnam, particularly on importance of attempted and actual point of view Communist activities and objectives. He said that he had received nothing but factual reports on temp events but promised to make their importance known to Department. On subject of Vietnam, Kizuki again quoted Japanese Ambassador who had told him North Vietnam regime after first siding with Indians in Sino-Soviet dispute had now lined up with Soviets. Yugoslav Ambassador had told Kizuki North Vietnamese representatives had even begun to speak to Yugoslav diplomats at social events which marked distinct change in North Vietnamese attitude. Wittich suggested that very bad economic conditions in North Vietnam (worse than in Communist China) might be partly responsible for change.

Tokura and Nishizawa leaving November 25 to attend meeting of Japanese diplomatic East European experts to be held in Bonn beginning December 24, after which they will visit Japanese Missions in Western Europe and Moscow. He shall forward their itinerary to interested posts as soon as available and have suggested they contact U.S. missions in cities they visit. In view their departure, next meeting will not be held until December 30. He hope Department can prior to that date provide us with information on Communist activities and capabilities in Vietnam so that we can meet Japanese request. It is also hoped that the Embassy will be furnished additional T&E studies with authorization for transmittal to ForOff.

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